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Syria, PLO hold talks

DAMASCUS, April 9 (R). — Syrian President Hafez Assad and Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), met today to discuss strengthening Syrian-Palestinian relations, the Palestine news agency Wafa reported. It said the five-hour talks also covered latest Middle East developments following the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon. The two leaders, in talks Wafa described as "positive, brotherly and fruitful," also discussed the hardline front — comprising Syria, the Libyan Jamahiriya, South Yemen, Algeria and the PLO — which is opposed to Egypt's solo peace overtures to Israel.

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Moscow slams U.S.'s neutron bomb decision

MOSCOW, April 8 (R). — The Kremlin today dismissed President Carter's decision to postpone stockpiling the neutron bomb as a tactic without significance.

The official TASS news agency carried Moscow's first reaction to the Carter announcement made yesterday that America would not at present make the bomb.

The Americans portrayed the delay as a challenge to Moscow to restrain its deployment of new weapons, like the S-20 mobile nuclear missile. But TASS said today Mr. Carter's move "did not represent significant renunciation of the neutron weapons."

TASS said in a dispatch from Washington that Mr. Carter intended to "gain concessions in other non-related matters ... accepting the weapon with measures to strengthen Soviet defence facilities."

"From the explanation of the

White House representatives it is also clear that one of the main motives of the decision ... is the desire of the U.S. government to create maximum favourable atmosphere in public opinion to deploy in the future the neutron weapons in Western Europe ..." TASS said.

The neutron weapon would kill people by intense radiation but over a relatively small area. Its limited blast would leave most structures intact.

NATO advocates of the weapon claim it would help stop a Soviet tank thrust in Europe without causing wide allied casualties, but opponents regard it as barbarous and likely to hasten a transition from conventional war to nuclear holocaust.

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Moslems in Israel may make Mecca pilgrimage

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 8 (R). — Arab Moslems in Israel will be able to make the traditional pilgrimage to Mecca later this year for the first time since 1948, the chairman of the Higher Islamic Council Jerusalem said today on his return from a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh Hilmi Al Mukhtasib told reporters the Saudi government would permit Moslems to travel to Mecca this year via Amman.

Last November the Jordanian Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs said it had received word from Saudi Arabia that Israeli Moslems could go to Mecca this year provided they carried Jordanian travel documents.

Sheikh Hilmi said Israeli Moslems would be provided with Saudi visas in Amman on travel documents to be issued by Jordan on the recommendation of the Waqfs office in east Jerusalem.

EEC agrees on economic strategy

COPENHAGEN, April 8 (R). — Leaders of the nine Common Market nations agreed today on the broad lines of a common strategy to set their economies right, which would include the United States and Japan.

British Prime Minister James Callaghan told newsmen they had agreed on five strategic fronts they must tackle: Faster growth, currency stability, long term capital movements, including aid, energy conservation, and more trade to halt the spread of protectionism.

The nine must develop a common strategy by their next

summit in July, in preparation for the seven-nation summit of leading industrial democracies in Bonn later that month, he said.

The Bonn meeting will group President Carter and the leaders of Japan, Canada, West Germany, France, Britain and Italy.

No specific measures have been announced here, but Mr. Callaghan held out the prospect of some in the coming months. He said the nine leaders had agreed on their analysis of the world's economic ills, but not yet on the remedies.

Mr. Callaghan said all the measures individual countries might take to improve their performance were less important than the achievement of an overall package.

This would be shown by measures taken between now and the July summit, and by decisions taken then.

The prime minister told a news conference the common strategy would be a question of "getting everybody to do things they would not want to do on their own." All must move at the same time, he said.

If they waited for the United States to settle its ener-

gy problems, or for West Germany to stimulate growth, there would be no such strategy, he explained.

The nine community leaders discussed the possibility of achieving a 4.5 per cent economic growth rate by mid-1979. Only last November this was the target set for this year, but an authoritative EEC analysis now puts the likely rate for 1978 at only 2.8 per cent.

The prime minister said there could not be a calm period for European currencies without the dollar also being associated.

The world had been cast adrift by the loss in 1971 of the international financial guidelines set by the 1948 Bretton Woods conference. Now there was no monetary system but a series of individual arrangements.

In the search for new worldwide arrangements the special drawing rights of the International Monetary Fund had a much bigger role to play, Mr. Callaghan said.

The prime minister said Europe was suffering from higher unemployment and more unused resources than he could ever remember, and the problem was not cyclical but structural. There are six million jobless in the EEC.

The developed countries also faced a real problem of poorer nations acquiring their technology and then competing with their industries.

Lebanon says Israel is stalling on full withdrawal in south

BEIRUT, April 8 (Agencies). — Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss called today for a total withdrawal of Israeli invasion troops from south Lebanon and accused the Israelis of stalling. Dr. Hoss was commenting to reporters on Israel's plans for a partial withdrawal from Lebanon from next Tuesday.

"That is not the Lebanese demand or the provision of the Security Council resolution," he said. "We are calling for a total Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon territory and will pursue efforts and pressures until this is realised."

"The land is ours and we shall not accept less than its complete and early return to us."

The prime minister added: "The Israeli enemy's methods of stalling, complication and procrastination are well-known, but our knowledge of these methods is bound to fail them."

Premier Al Hoss vowed the Lebanese government would mobilise all its Arab and international friendships to bring pressure on Israel for a quick total withdrawal.

His statement was the first official Lebanese reaction to Israel's plan for a partial pullback next week, covering less than one fourth of the 1,250 square kilometres it occupied in south Lebanon last month.

The Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) earlier called the plan a bluff and UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said it was inadequate.

Lebanon's UN Ambassador, Ghassan Tueini, said in a radio interview the United States proposed a quicker timetable for Israel's withdrawal.

He told the Lebanese state radio the 21-nation Arab group would seek another UN Security Council session to consider sanctions against Israel "unless Israel applied the U.S.-sponsored timetable." He did not elaborate.

U.N. peace-enforcing troops were reported facing harassment from guerrillas and Israeli-backed rightist forces in south Lebanon. But Beirut newspapers said the deployment plan of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon was not seriously affected.

Norwegian units that came under guerrilla and rightist fire in two separate areas of the south in the last 48 hours went back unmolested to their original positions, newspapers and Lebanon's state radio reported.

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Akbar prisoner in an ambush near Tyre Wednesday was recovering from a gunshot wound in the arm.

Labadi declined to give the name or rank of the captive but said he may be displayed to newsmen in Beirut within the next few days.

Labadi also confirmed a United Nations report that the PLO agreed to negotiate arrangements through the International Red Cross for the return of the bodies of four Israeli soldiers killed in the ambush.

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SIBAI KILLERS

APPEAL VERDICT

NICOSIA, April 8 (R). — Two Palestinians sentenced to death for the shooting of Egyptian Editor Youssef Sibai, a close friend of President Sadat, today appealed against the sentence. Mr. Lefcos Clerides, Cypriot lawyer for Samir Mohammad Khadar, 28, and Sayid Hussein Ali, 26, filed the appeal, which is expected to be heard by the Supreme Court later this month.

EEC wants total Israeli withdrawal

COPENHAGEN, April 8 (T). — Leaders of the European Community Market today agreed that a Middle East settlement must be based on complete complicity with demands that Israel withdraw from occupied Arab territories, authoritative sources said.

They said the nine EEC leaders reiterated their position that a settlement must be based on United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 "in all its parts and on all fronts."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has stated this year that Israel will not withdraw completely from the West Bank.

Mr. Begin interprets Resolution 242 to mean that Israel may keep troops on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

The EEC leaders deplored all recent acts of violence in the Middle East and expressed deep concern at events in southern Lebanon.

The European Community leaders confirmed the principles set out in their special declaration on the Middle East adopted at their summit meeting in London in June 29 and said

that these remained entirely valid.

In that declaration they said that a Middle East peace settlement should be based on:

1. The inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force.
2. The need for Israel to end the territorial occupation which it has maintained since 1967.

3. Respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries.

4. Recognition that in the establishment of a just and lasting peace account must be taken of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

All these aspects must be taken as a whole, the June declaration said.

Speaking at a press conference after the summit Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen said the community wanted Israel to pull out of all occupied territories.

The position adopted by the leaders "is in line with this, insofar as we see the massive Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon as a hindrance to peace."

Hint of negotiations for Aldo Moro

World News Roundup ...

PLO suspends Cairo representative

CAIRO, April 8 (R). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has suspended an official who attended a meeting in Cairo which was boycotted by critics of the Sadat peace initiative, a leftist newspaper said today. The newspaper, Al Saif, said the PLO's man in Cairo, Mr. Said Kamal, had been sent on "open leave" on orders from a PLO Executive Committee meeting chaired last night by Mr. Yasser Arafat. Mr. Kamal had attended a meeting of the Arab League Council in Cairo last month without authorisation.

Rhodesia conference may convene this month

USA, Zambia, April 8 (AP). — Zambian Foreign Minister Nkosi Mwale said today that a proposed new conference of all states involved in the Rhodesian dispute may be held later this month on the Victoria Falls Bridge between Zambia and Rhodesia. Addressing a news conference on his return from West Africa, Mwale said the meeting might be held April 25 or 26 and would include "everybody concerned in the Rhodesian constitutional arrangements for an independent Zimbabwe."

Canary Islands leader still seriously ill in hospital

MURS, April 8 (R). — Canary Islands separatist leader Antonio Cubillo was still seriously ill in an Algers hospital tonight, three days after being stabbed in the lobby of his apartment block. Doctors have operated on Mr. Cubillo, leader of MPAIAC the movement for the self-determination and independence of the Canary Archipelago, but there has been no announcement so far about his condition. Algerian police are investigating the assassination attempt which sides of Mr. Cubillo have blamed on Spanish colonials. MPAIAC is seeking independence from Spain for the Canaries.

Aden official visits Saudi Arabia

ADEN, April 8 (R). — South Yemeni Interior Minister Saleh Moshel left here today for Saudi Arabia on a visit aimed at enhancing co-operation between the two countries. Maj. Moshel told reporters he was making the visit at the invitation of his Saudi opposite number, Prince Nayef bin Abdallah.

Saudi-Sudanese talks in Khartoum

JEDDAH, April 8 (R). — Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saif Al Faisal left Jeddah today for Khartoum for talks with Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri, the Saudi Press Agency reported. President Nimeiri heads a committee formed by the Arab League Council last month with the aim of healing the breach caused by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative with Israel.

Gypsies meet in Geneva

GENEVA, April 8 (R). — To the strains of a Romany freedom hymn, gypsies from some 20 countries assembled here today to call for an end to harassment and discrimination. The 100 delegates from East and West Europe, India and Pakistan, took their seats at tables set in a circle under a flag symbolising the sky and the earth. Slogans in the Romany language exhorted them to stand up for their rights. Organising President Dr. Jan Cizala of Switzerland then called the Second International Romany Congress into session with an appeal for unity and a prayer to the Hindu goddess Kali. The agenda includes plans for a permanent co-ordinating committee to press the gypsies' case at the United Nations demands for full citizenship rights wherever Romany live, and a call for reparations from West Germany for the half a million gypsies exterminated by the Nazis.

UNRWA issues urgent appeal

BEIRUT, April 8 (R). — A United Nations agency today appealed urgently for food, clothing and mattresses for 65,000 Palestinian refugees who fled their homes during the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon. The U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) said in a statement issued here that the refugees would need emergency relief for at least three more months. It said more than 20,000 people had returned to their homes, but that shell damage to refugee shelters, schools, clinics and feeding centres in the area was severe. As a result of the invasion only 25 of the 81 U.N. schools for refugee children in the south were operating, the statement said.

But, referring to the suffering of Signor Moro's family, the editorial ended: "No avenue, no possibility of restoring Signor Moro to his loved ones can be left unexplored."

For the third day running, leftwing extremists attacked targets in Rome. A small group of leftists set fire to a high school near the city-centre after painting wall slogans saying "long live the brigades."

No one was hurt in the fire, which wrecked several classrooms and caused serious damage to school equipment.

Late last night leftwingers, who have bombed Christian Democratic Party offices here this week, hurried fire bombs at a suburban office of the small Social Democratic Party, start-

ing a blaze in which one party worker and his son suffered burns.

The sources said that Signor Moro's wife Eleonora, who published a letter yesterday saying that she had no cause for hope that he would be freed, had appealed to Christian Democratic leaders to open negotiations with the guerrillas.

In a meeting with the party secretary, to whom former Premier Moro addressed a moving speech for freedom earlier this week, she had demanded some compromise with the brigades to save her husband's life, the sources said.

When the secretary repeated the government's refusal to be blackmailed by the brigades, Signor Moro decided to break her three-week silence and is

sue her letter, they said.

All political parties have united behind Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti in his refusal to bow to blackmail from the guerrillas, who say they want the release of communist prisoners in Italian jails.

But the Christian Democrats and the government have not explicitly ruled out contacts with the kidnappers, who grabbed Signor Moro after killing his five guards in a bloody ambush here on March 16.

Today the brigades issued a communiqué in Genoa on their shooting there yesterday of industrialist Felice Schiavetti.

"Schiavetti has been punished as a godfather of the imperialist state of the multinationals," it said.

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Time for some summity

The travels of Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad in the search for agreement on an Arab summit conference seem to us to be an altogether rational approach to the extraordinary chaos that governs the Arab World these days. Yet during these very difficult times, we continue to witness the horrifying spectacle of Arab leaders hurling accusations at one another while simultaneously placing obstacles in the way of an Arab summit. As always in such cases, the display of Arab factionalism only lets Israel off the hook once again, and serves no clear purpose for the Arabs themselves.

It is asking quite a lot that the Arab states all have identical views on how to deal with the Israelis, and given the long-standing local quarrels that dot the Middle East map it is unrealistic to think that any single strategy will win the support of all the Arab states. But there does come a time when it is in the long-term interest of all the Arab people at least to sit down and discuss those long-term strategic goals that are shared by all, and from there to see what common ground there does exist among all the Arabs. To refuse to attend summit meetings as a matter of principle is to fall into the trap of becoming so embroiled in the small items of today that one forgets the greater items that are of more historic importance.

We are dealing with a simple power equation by which the Arabs are powerful if they act in harmony, and they are powerless if they do not -- as we saw so vividly when Israel marched into south Lebanon virtually unopposed, except for the resistance of the Palestinians.

Instant Arab unity is not what a summit should seek, because this is unrealistic given the political situation in the Arab World today. But simply to continue along as we have done for the past six months is also unrealistic, and it is difficult to see how the chaos of the Arab World will be cleared away except by a high-level meeting of leaders in the near future. The longer this is put off, the longer Israel marches along unchallenged.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI Saturday referred to a "surprise" reported by the Paris-based Arabic weekly Al Nahar, quoting Arab sources in the French capital to the effect that Menachem Begin's government was ready to agree in principle to discuss the question of Israel's withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip.

The newspaper says: "Although the Arab World is now living a period of surprises, judging by our long experience of Zionist aggression we completely rule out -- for numerous reasons -- the possibility of Israel's withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza strip, let alone the city of Jerusalem."

"But," the newspaper continues, "we are amazed that such 'good tidings' should come from Arab sources in Paris, unless the intention was to administer to the already-paralysed Arab body... a double dose of intoxicants to lull it into a longer cycle of slumber, to be awakened by some Israeli surprise similar to the surprise of March 15 when Israel occupied the south of Lebanon."

AL DUSTOUR discusses what it calls Israel's delaying tactics over its withdrawal from south Lebanon. It says that despite U.N. Security Council Resolution 425 calling for total withdrawal forthwith of Israel's forces from all Lebanese territory, Israel, strangely enough, has given itself the right to determine whether the U.N. peace-keeping force there can take over and keep peace.

While the newspaper commands U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's announcement that plans put forward by the Israeli chief of staff for an initial withdrawal are inadequate, it suggests that the Security Council should this time "save its resolution from the Israeli guillotine by making sure that the resolution is implemented in its entirety without delay or hesitation."

It will be a test case for the council when it meets on Monday to discuss Israel's manipulations aimed at whittling down its resolution where it concerns an Israeli pullback from south Lebanon, Al Dustour says.

WANTED

Small villa two or three bedrooms, central heating, garden, quiet area. Phone 56523.

THE AMERICAN WOMEN OF AMMAN

will meet on Monday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. Programme: Mr. Lutfi Seyegh and a display of brass and silver.

Mrs. Hijazi's dancing girls stage knock-out performance

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

Mrs. Betty Hijazi's dancing girls have done it again! The Thursday night performance at the Palace of Culture was a real knock-out.

So much so that it was often difficult to tell who was having the better time -- the audience or the performers and that -- is it not -- is one sure sign of a successful show.

After an introductory little number entitled "Oh look at me, I'm dancing" that's exactly what we did -- look. We sat for almost two and a half hours and watched those huddling Fonteyns and Pavlovas tiptoe, pirouette, and twirl through 26 items of sheer entertainment. And it wasn't all serious petits jets either; the items were as various as they were plentiful with everyone from the tiny tots in the nursery class to Jean Samson, the ballet teacher, joining in to make it a truly enjoyable evening.

The teddy bears in their picnic (nursery class, ages about four years) captured the audience's heart from the very beginning even while they were still filing onto the stage nervously clutching their little sandwich boxes -- and each other! They needn't have worried, they performed splendidly and were well rewarded with a good solid round of applause.

Next we saw Eros, the Greek god of love, dancing in Piccadilly Circus of all places watched in gaping wonder by a solitary London bobby.

A national dance from Serbia came next and then we watched 6 little girls in pink dresses with pretty white bloomers dance an adapted version of the polka to the sweeping strains of Johann Strauss.

Among the more mature pieces were the sea-sprites who, dressed in flowing sea-green togas-like costumes, gave a well cooed and quite dramatic performance.

La Valse, by the grade five class, was a graceful, elegant piece which came just before the interval. The girls showed great scope in rhythm and style as they danced to the alternative lively/slow tempo of yet another Strauss.

And Aloha with the Hawaiian Serenade we were merged in the romance of the South Seas with this colourful, hipswaying number. The audience loved it, especially that extra little wiggle at the end. The first graders were obviously having a great deal of fun as they danced to the alternative lively/slow tempo of yet another Strauss.

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Then there were a number of individual character sketches featuring a very cute "maid in the garden" in a pink chequered dress and matching moon cap, a little girl and her teddy bear, a fisherman and a convincingly mechanical clock-work doll.

That wasn't all either! The older girls in slinky green dresses danced a lively, thoroughly gay and very saucy Charleston bringing a touch of the roaring twenties into play. The list goes on and on. We saw a national dance from Holland, a tarantella, snake charmers in Eastern Fantasy, a fragile Twinkle Dance, a winsome Chanson de Nuit, Fairies and Goblins frolicking in the woods, the nursery class in Mary Had a Little Lamb, and Rainbow Land.

Individual items included a very professional piece called The Flower Seller, a short pas seul, a lively mazurka with a good dramatic finishing position, a girl with a lovely smile in The Lost Bird and an excellent Magyar Dance.

So, in all respects Thursday's show proved to be a real out and out success, and it only remains to say that we look forward to seeing much more of Mrs. Hijazi's dancing girls.

PERSPECTIVE

Women's Magazine of Jordan
is on sale at all leading
bookshops and supermarkets



Reindeer carry gifts as Christmas fairies hover in the background and a solitary snowman watches from afar.



The primary class in the line up for the Christmas Alphabet.



Mrs. Betty Hijazi, bouquet in hand, thanks the audience.



Part of the Grade four class in a well controlled performance as Sea Sprites.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibition

An exhibition of paintings by Ibrahim Najjar opens Monday at the Goethe Institute. The opening is at 6:00 p.m., and the exhibition continues daily till next Saturday.



The General Headquarters
of the Jordanian Armed
Forces regrets to announce
the death of
Brigadier KHALIL TAWFIQ QA'WAR
Who passed away after a severe heart attack
yesterday at the age of 48.
May God have mercy on his soul.

It was with the deepest regret that we heard of the passing away of our friend Brigadier Khalil Kawar. We offer our most sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kawar and family.

The Military Attachés in Amman.

Financiers meet here Tuesday to examine potash project feasibility report

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 8. — International financing agencies will meet here on Tuesday for a three-day examination of the final feasibility report on Jordan's \$422 million potash project.

The Arab Potash Company (APC) held a preliminary feasibility meeting in London last June. Six agencies have been invited to send representatives to this week's conference, following the publication in February of the final feasibility report. They are: the World Bank, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Islamic Development Bank and the Libyan government.

One hundred and sixty eight million dollars of APC's capital is to be in equity, but the company hopes to raise as much of the rest as possible in the form of soft loans. The funding agencies invited to the meeting are expected to decide how much credit they will provide for the project within about a month from now, APC Chairman Ali Khasawneh told the Jordan Times.

The company has already raised a capital of over JD 40 million and Mr. Khasawneh said that commercial banks had shown great interest in helping to finance the project if the company's loan requirements cannot be met by the development agencies.

The feasibility report, the outcome of two years study by British and American consultants, shows that the scheme is highly feasible and profitable, Mr. Khasawneh said. "We are more than confident that we are going to get the money we want," he added.

The company plans to start production in 1982 and to reach full production of 1.2 million tons of potash per year by 1984. By the early 1990s this figure could be raised to 1.7 million tons.

National News Roundup ...

Queen Alia Fund to register handicapped

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The Queen Alia Fund for Social Work will carry out a plan for the registration of handicapped people throughout the Kingdom between April 15 and May 15. A committee formed for this purpose will, as from today, explain the registration procedure to headmasters of handicapped schools. The plan will be done in cooperation with the Department of Social Affairs at the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Education. In an interview with Jordan Television this evening Princess Basma said the registration is the first step in a project to provide the handicapped with better services and establish appropriate institutions for them.

Investigation into chest diseases begins

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The Ministry of Health today started a four month campaign to investigate chest diseases in Jordan. During the campaign, which is supervised by Director of thoracic diseases section at the ministry Dr. Sami Al Zagha, samples of sputum and throat swabs from some 20,000 citizens picked at random will be examined in ministry laboratories. Dr. Al Zagha said the campaign will start in the Irbid governorate and will move to other areas later. At present, Dr. Al Zagha added, Jordan has six centres for the treatment of chest diseases and eleven chest laboratories in various governorates. There are also two hospitals which accept chest cases, one in Amman and the other in Ma'an.

Irbid youth choir formed

IRBID, April 8 (JNA). — The Irbid centres for young men and women have formed a choir, the first of its kind in all youth centres in the Kingdom. The choir which sings folk songs and others reflecting social trends in Jordan, consists of 14 members aged between 15-18 years.

Talks held on Amman International Post Office

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — Minister of Communications Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh today met a number of British Post Office experts and discussed with them a study they have prepared on the establishment of the Amman International Post Office which will be built in Abdali, Amman. The minister asked the delegation for a detailed report on the requirements for starting construction this year. Mr. Al Rawabdeh told reporters that the new post office will serve as an international centre for postal services and that it will be electronically operated. The building will house the ministry and its different departments as well as the parcels office, he said.

New postage stamp issued

AMMAN, April 8 (JNA). — The Ministry of Communications has issued a postage stamp in honour of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Arab Postal Union. The stamp, in 25 and 40 fils units, will be put into circulation on April 12, Arab Postal Day.

New governor for Balqa'

SALT, April 8 (JNA). — Mohammad Zuhair Abu Rujaie took over today as Acting Governor of Balqa' in the place of Ahmad Aqaileh who was recently appointed Under-secretary at the Ministry of Education.

Developing world to set up council of exporter states

GENEVA, April 8 (A.P.) — Forty developing countries have decided to establish a council that will group associations of raw materials exporters to seek the restructuring of international trade in commodities and to "secure just and remunerative prices."

Oil-exporting nations were among those represented at the three-day meeting which ended late Friday. And the chairman of the conference, Sri Lanka's Ambassador Sunanta de Alwis, told reporters that he hoped the oil exporter's group, presumably the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), would be among the first producer-exporter groups to join in forming the council.

He said that to start up the council, at least five such associations have to indicate their readiness to join. He said he hoped that within a year at least five such groups will have given the go-ahead to make the council functional.

Lobbying aim

De Alwis said that among the purposes of the planned Council of Exporters Associations would be to lobby and provide support for the integrated programme for commodities and a common fund to finance it.

The integrated programme and the common fund are ma-

yor projects of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Despite several meetings, the developing nations and the industrial world still are far apart on the common fund, which would make the integrated programme a viable project.

All members of the Group of 77 developing nations were invited to attend the conference that decided to set up a Council of Exporters Associations.

De Alwis said that of the 133 developing nations, only 60 were represented in various producer-exporter associations and thus would have felt real need to attend the meeting. Of these, 40 attended, but De Alwis said that most others had indicated that they were unable to come to Geneva because of time pressures, the meeting having been called at short notice.

The leftists dominate French fashion, even if they didn't win the elections

PARIS, April 8 (R) — Socialists and Communists may have been defeated in the French parliamentary elections but "leftist" fashions will dominate the autumn and winter ready to wear presentations starting in Paris this weekend.

The specialists in mass fashion created their latest collections months before the elections were held in March and the prospect of a left victory persuaded the majority of designers to opt for safe, sensible silhouettes and a most modest demeanor.

The centre-right coalition won the elections but the designers are now stuck with the more sober creations — and so is the general public. Trousers, which made a tremendous comeback in the spring and summer high fashion collections, will be everywhere. Sportswear looks will also be common. Yves Saint Laurent announces he will evolve his own couture collection from last January.

His skinny, sown off trousers paired to bellhop and waiter's jackets will be among the most copied looks of the season. But the newest styles in pants are pegtop with fullness over the hips, tapering down to lengths just above the ankle bone and worn with very high heeled sandals.

Generally, fashions will be far more tailored as well as conservative. Most of the billowing fullness and all of the folklore of the past few seasons is finished.

Shoulders will be much wider, while hem lengths will generally remain unchanged, stabilised around the top or middle of the calf. French designers have taken a long look at Britain and copied some of their greatest country classics.

There will be an epidemic of tartans. Traditional clan plaids such as the "black watch" styled in pleated skirts will be worn with strict solid toned blazers or military inspired jackets with epaulettes playing up the broader shoulders. There will also be Irish tweeds frequently combining two or three different patterns in the same ensemble.

Colour is one of the most cheerful signs on the horizon. Following black and all the sombre autumn tonalities, vivid colours will help to lighten the winter scene. Many hues appear to have stepped out of Renaissance paintings, with their deep rich ochre tones, burgundy, the warm browns and bright blues.

The latest attraction at one leading parisian beauty firm (Harriet Hubbard Ayer) is to adjust the colour of one's eyes to a specific coquettish. Thanks to contact lenses, the pupils of madame's eyes can now be coordinated with any shade on the fashion spectrum.

Weekly Wall Street report

Investors await new Carter message on economic programme

NEW YORK, April 8 (A.P.) — Stock market investors' attention turns to Washington this coming week with President Jimmy Carter scheduled to provide his prescription for the United States' economic ills.

Wall Streeters are not expecting any miracle cures from Carter when he delivers his speech Tuesday on inflation, the depressed dollar and the energy situation.

As Ernst Amsbach of Loeb Rhoades, Hornblower and Co. put it in a recent commentary: "A phenomenon such as inflation, caused by many factors, cannot be expected to yield to any one remedy."

But there were expectations that Carter might call for some stronger measures to deal with inflation than he has previously. The anti-inflation message he delivered last year was generally criticised in the financial community as lacking substance.

That represented a slowdown from the 13.2 per cent annual pace set the month before, but it set off no celebration.

"The risks of higher future inflation are far greater than the possibility of deceleration," the council added.

Dollar worries

The inflation problem is intertwined with other worries that have been plaguing the market in recent months, including the dollar's slump.

Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal pointed late in the past week to what he described as "a kind of vicious circle" in which inflation in this country prompts foreign selling of the dollar, reducing the dollar's value and thus increasing prices of imports which in turn adds to inflationary pressures.

Blumenthal repeated the administration's frequently stated position against mandatory controls on wages or prices describing such controls as "counterproductive".

As Amsbach at Loeb Rhoades, Hornblower concluded: "We noted with interest that in a recent Harris Poll the respondents viewed inflation as a more serious problem than unemployment with a 46 per cent to 33 per cent plurality."

"It would seem to us that any meaningful, not too controversial effort to subdue inflation would have salutary effects for financial and currency markets."

Antarctic discoveries reveal new clues to life on Mars

By a Special Correspondent

The chances of eventually finding life on Mars are beginning to look brighter following new discoveries made in Antarctica.

WASHINGTON, (WFS) — Dramatic new finds by scientists working in Antarctica have raised expectations that there may yet prove to be life on Mars. But new techniques, very different from those used by the Viking landers in 1976, will be needed to detect it.

The new finds have been made in a region of Antarctica called Dry Valleys, which was previously thought too hostile for life. It is a place where strong winds have

swept away the ice and snow, and where conditions in some ways resemble those of Mars.

Dr. Imre Friedmann, an American biologist, has discovered that, despite the inhospitable surroundings, life does exist there inside rocks, in the form of microbes, algae and fungi.

The rocks have to be light-coloured, exposed to sun-light and either porous or with microscopic fissures. They have the capacity to filter excessive solar radiation and trap

water, so that humidity is much higher inside than outside.

"Sunlight penetrates the rocks," says Dr. Friedmann, "and inside, the rocks warm up. The surface of the rocks may be freezing, but a few millimetres inside it is quite

warm". Dr. Richard Young, NASA's chief planetary biologist, says that this discovery "is of considerable interest to NASA in designing future attempts to study planetary surfaces and search for evidence of life".

NASA scientists, when next they land craft on Mars, may therefore break open rocks in search for the illusive Martians. The Viking landers, which failed to find life or even organic molecules on Mars, were not equipped for such work.

Porous rocks would give more protection on Mars. Unlike the Earth, its surface is not shielded from lethal ultraviolet radiation by an ozone layer in its atmosphere. Any Martian life would, therefore, have to find or evolve its own shielding.

Meteorites galore

Scientists have also recently discovered that Antarctica is a virtual mine of meteorites. American and Japanese geologists during the scientific season just ended, have found 310 meteorites on old ice surfaces which have lost their warmth.

Never before have meteorites been collected in such quantity, and never before have they been so well preserved from chemical changes, contamination and erosion.

Scientists value meteorites because they are remnants of the original materials (the nebula) from which the Sun and planets formed. They are fragments — sometimes very large fragments — from the collisions of bodies which did not come together to form planets or moons.

Two of the 310 Antarctic meteorites are very special: they contain an abundance of the very basis of life — carbon. Previously only 25 such meteorites were known.

Biochemists are anxious to analyse carbon-bearing meteorites to see what organic molecules (the molecules of life) have been formed by purely physical processes in space. A few years ago, Dr. Cyril Ponnamperuma of Maryland University found amino acids, the molecular units of proteins, in

the Murchison meteorite which fell in Australia in 1969.

Contamination is the major problem in this research, but all the Antarctic meteorites are being handled like moon rocks: special gloves, sterile bags, sterile metal boxes provided by NASA.

Dr. Roy Clarke, curator of meteorites at the Smithsonian Institution, describes the Antarctic meteorites as significant as the recovery of moon rocks". In some ways, as Clarke says, they are better. Lunar rocks, while very old, have been subjected to heat and pressures generated when the Moon was first formed and its surface was still molten".

The Antarctic meteorites, on the other hand, come relatively uncontaminated, the debris from the birth of the solar system some 5 billion years ago.

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By Lloyd Timberlake

LONDON, (R). — Britain's football hooligans operate by a code of unwritten rules as strict as those governing any tribal society, according to a book by two Oxford University anthropologists and a London social worker.

The fans' well-publicised antics, described by the press in such terms as "mindless violence" and "destructive anarchy" are in most cases rituals which minimise violence, according to Peter Marsh, Rom Harre and Elizabeth Rosser in their book, "The Rules of Disorder." (Routledge and Kegan Paul).

New puzzle in distant space challenges modern science

Nothing travels faster than light -- at least that was the assumption until recently, when scientists started observing strange happenings at the edges of the universe.

By Edward Ashpole

LONDON, (WFS). — Something appears to be moving faster -- many times faster than light! But this, as Einstein showed at the beginning of the century, is, theoretically at least, impossible. So what is happening?

The new observations, called superlight motions, are important because Einstein's theories are part of the structure of modern science. Experiments and observations during more than half a century have shown him to be correct.

Astronomers first discovered superlight motions in quasars, the most distant and most powerful radiators of energy in the universe. Some quasars are as much as a hundred times brighter than the brightest galaxy, but being so far away look like faint bluish stars.

Nuclei

Since we see quasars as they were billions of years ago, which is the time their light has taken to reach us, they may be an early stage in the formation of galaxies. Perhaps, they are the incredibly brilliant nuclei of galaxies before the formation of stars when such accumulations of energy and matter were behaving in ways we do not yet understand.

Superlight motions were first noticed a few years ago

They have uniforms, leaders, priests and even a well-defined career structure. The three based their ideas on three years of watching and video-taping the crowds of teenagers who occupy the London road end of the Oxford United Football Ground, defending this territory against fans of visiting teams.

Extensive interviews

They followed these observations with extensive interviews, but admitted they never actually stood in the London Road terrace themselves, first because this "would require a very brave and slightly suicidal social investigator," but also because their presence would change the kids' behaviour.

They dubbed the loudest terrace group the "rowdies," boys between 12 and 17 dressed in steel-toed boots, denim, team scarves and pennants.

These dominate in the chants and the "aggro" (slang for aggression, verbal and otherwise)

Rowdies interview

The "novices," aged about ten, watch and applaud the rowdies, hoping to become rowdies themselves one day.

The "town boys" 18-25, don't dress up, fight or chant but are respected by the rowdies as tribal elders. Most

were tough rowdies themselves in their time.

The rowdies' high priest is the "chant leader," who must be tall, loud and able to compose and lead profane chants belittling the masculinity of the opposing team and its fans.

Top dog among the rowdies is the "aggro leader" not necessarily the best fighter, but the one who will lead an assault on the visiting fans' end of the pitch or lead a defiance of his end.

Hooligans antics

Among the rowdies are boys referred to as "hooligans" who have a reputation for entertaining antics. The authors explain that stealing a gum machine from a shop would not be enough to get a boy known as a "right hooligan," but stealing it and walking down the centre of the road with it would gain respect.

In interviewing rowdies, about recent matches the authors heard horrible tales of huge fights in which opposing fans were kicked, maimed, had teeth knocked out and were driven off in large numbers.

But video tapes of the afternoon in question showed nothing much happened besides

a bit of pushing and shoving -- and a lot of shouting.

"What the soccer terraces offer is a chance to escape from the dreariness of the weekday world of work or school to something which is adventurous or stimulating," the authors write.

But for this to work, the terraces must be viewed as places full of danger and uncertainty. The boys must "co-inspire to construct disorder."

This they do with their rhetoric of violence. The press and media help them by using the same rhetoric.

Medieval knights

But keeping the terraces relatively safe, considering the fact that hundreds of aggressive adolescents confront each other there every Saturday afternoon, are a set of rituals reminiscent of those medieval knights.

Confrontations are usually verbal only. When opposing forces get too close, the smaller almost invariably runs. Running away is regarded as sensible rather than cowardly. The boys also seem to depend on police to keep them apart, cursing the police soundly for it afterwards.

The authors compare these aggressive but usually non-violent confrontations to the ritualised posturing of male

lizards competing for territory, puffing and hissing but not actually fighting, and to New Guinea warriors who use no feathers on their arrows so few on either side will be killed.

"Nutters"

The trio do admit the existence of a type of rowdy called the "nutter" who will beat up an opponent who is already running, but note that these are not respected by their mates, as indicated by the name.

Saturday football "aggro" damages trains and buses, forces the closure of shops and bars in host towns, interrupts matches and leads to dozens of arrests and trials. Because it is ritual, the authors say, it is not necessarily good.

But neither is it the "mindless violence" of media reports and political speeches.

The authors tell of a television reporter, aware of their research, who approached a "rowdy" and said "there's a psychologist here who seems to think that the behaviour of football fans is really a big ritual -- what do have to say about that?"

The boy looked thoughtful, shuffled, glanced down at his huge boots, looked up, said, "yeah, that's right," and strode off.

Peking shows increasing interest in overseas Chinese

By James Young

HONG KONG (WFS) — About 20 million Chinese live overseas, and important changes in their relationship with the motherland may be developing in mainland China.

Two recent developments are seen as being particularly significant: One is the preparation for a national conference on overseas Chinese affairs which is expected to be held in Peking later this year.

The other is to be found in a proposal that Chinese mainland citizens should be allowed to travel to family relations abroad.

The overseas Chinese are scattered all over the world, from Sydney to San Francisco. Included in that term are the four million or so Hong Kong Chinese who, although not across the sea, are still a world

away from their mainland compatriots by virtue of life in capitalist Hong Kong. Chinese are also a major part of the population of that other mainland enclave, Macao, with its 270,000 people.

The overseas Chinese are particularly the coming to power of the Communists encouraged Chinese emigration, and they have settled in most of the cities of southeast Asia; for example, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Manila all have significant Chinese populations.

In most of the south-east Asian countries they have established themselves as businessmen, traders and shopkeepers and have an important place in the life of the community.

As restaurateurs and businessmen, they have spread to Australia, western Europe, Britain and north America in particular.

The expertise and skills of these Western-oriented expatriates, some of whom hold high positions in their adopted countries, appear to be attracting the interest of the Peking government. A preparatory meeting for the conference was held in December, and was attended by representatives of cadres administering overseas Chinese affairs.

According to the New China News Agency, "Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and the State Council attach great importance to the work concerning overseas Chinese affairs". It is pointed out that in September last year, Vice-Chairman Teng Hsiao-ping said that work on overseas Chinese affairs should be put on the agenda when he received groups of overseas Chinese, Chinese of foreign citizenship, Taiwanese living in foreign countries, and compatriots from Macao and Hong Kong, who were in China for National Day on October 1. (Not counted as overseas Chinese by Peking are Taiwanese living in Taiwan.)

At the preparatory conference, reference was made to the modernisation steps which China is putting into operation in fields such as agriculture, industry, defence and science.

The knowledge and expertise of Western-trained overseas Chinese could play a big part in this, and the tapping of this resource is likely to be a major item at the conference itself.

Much was made at the preparatory meeting of Chairman Mao's instruction: "Pro-

tect the interests of the overseas Chinese and assist those who have returned to the motherland". As the NCNA put it, in reporting the meeting: "The overseas Chinese are concerned about their motherland, have deep love for it, and have made contributions towards expanding the patriotic front and the international united front, and aiding the country's socialist construction".

The meeting defined guidelines for the work concerning overseas Chinese affairs, including the protection of the rights and interests of overseas Chinese, and also "to make earnest efforts to do a good job of the reception work for those overseas Chinese who come back to visit relatives". The meeting called on Party committees at all levels to "strengthen leadership over this work" and to attach importance to it.

The conference is probably going to be held in Peking and although no date as yet appears to have been set for it, it is expected to take place later this year.

Although overseas Chinese do return to China, mostly to visit relatives, and some for good, emigration from China is not allowed. Some Chinese do escape, particularly to Hong Kong, and it is from Hong Kong that the main emigration to other parts of the world takes place today.

A slight crack in the bamboo curtain may be seen from a report in the Chinese official newspaper People's Daily early in January, in which a leading party member proposed that Chinese citizens should be allowed to travel abroad for family reunions.

This is believed to be the first time for many years that it has been publicly put forward that Chinese should be allowed to visit other countries for a reunion.

In some countries, the Chinese have been settled for many years, as in Britain, particularly in London and Merseyside, and in San Francisco on the west coast of America, where "Chinatown" is a major tourist attraction. Since immigration laws were eased a decade ago, about 20,000 Chinese a year have entered the United States, mostly from Hong Kong.

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THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



Marcos victory in Philippines poll far from massive

MANILA, April 8 (R). — President Ferdinand Marcos today claimed victory for his New Society Movement in the Philippine elections -- but conceded that the People's Power opposition had won majorities in some areas.

The president had previously claimed 90 per cent support in various referenda held since he proclaimed martial law in 1972. But in a televised press conference today he said the final election results should show he had taken only 60 per cent of the total votes cast.

He warned that security forces would take strong measures against any demonstrations by the opposition, which is claiming widespread ballot-rigging by the New Society Movement.

Opposition manager Lorenzo Tanada is reported to have written to the commission of elections listing a series of complaints.

New oil find in Dhofar

MUSCAT, April 8 (R). — Oman today announced a new oil find in its southern Dhofar Province and said it planned to build a 500-kilometre oil pipeline to link production fields in the province to an oil terminal near Muscat.

Petroleum Development (Oman) Limited (PDL), which exploits Oman's onshore oilfields and is 60 per cent owned by the government, said the new oil find was at Qahari, about 20 kilometres south of the Marmul oilfield.

It described the new discovery as "most encouraging" and said the oil found was of a better quality than that in the nearby Marmul field. Further wells are to be drilled in the area and these will give an indication of the field's economic viability, it added.

Police say Bhutto supporters planned bombing campaigns

ISLAMABAD, April 8 (R). — Pakistani police have arrested former Agriculture Minister Sheikh Mohammad Rashid and 14 other people in connection with an alleged plot to blow up the Lahore High Court, which recently sentenced ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to death.

The Punjab provincial Police Chief Mr. Habibur Rehman told reporters yesterday

the group also planned to sabotage other public buildings and kill judges. The group had organised itself into three wings for planning, operations and finance, he said.

The Lahore High Court sentenced Mr. Bhutto to death three weeks ago for ordering the assassination of a political opponent in 1974.

Sheikh Rashid is a member of the Central Executive Co-

N. Yemeni official in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 8 (R). — The Chief-of-staff of North Yemen's armed forces, Lt.-Col. Ali Saleh Sheba, has arrived in Moscow on an official visit, the Red Star daily reported today.

Col. Sheba held talks with Soviet Chief-of-Staff Nikolai Ogarkov who led a high-level party to greet the Yemeni offi-

cer at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport, Red Star said.

The newspaper, organ of the Soviet armed forces, said Col. Sheba, on the first reported visit to Moscow by a high North Yemeni official for several years, discussed matters of mutual interest with Marshal Ogarkov.

Ceausescu plans a Far Eastern peacemaking tour

BUCHAREST, April 8 (R). — President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania will visit China soon and may also go to Cambodia and Vietnam on a peacemaking mission, informed sources said today.

The only Soviet bloc leader to maintain good relations with Peking, Mr. Ceausescu intends to visit North Korea also during an extended Far East tour expected to start in mid-May. Mr. Ceausescu saw a unique opportunity for Romanian good offices in urging Cambodia and Vietnam towards a peaceful settlement in a border dispute which led to fighting between the two states last year, the sources said.

Cambodia was strongly backed by China in the border war, while the Soviet bloc except for Romania supported Vietnam. Romania stayed neutral and urged the two governments to negotiate. Mr. Ceausescu was reported to feel that he may be in a good position to spur negotiations in view of the strictly neutral posture he has maintained in the bitter 17-year political feud between China and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Ceausescu, a member of the communist Warsaw Pact who pursues a strongly independent foreign policy, is still discussing details with the Cambodian and Vietnamese governments. He was unlikely to visit either Phnom Penh or Hanoi unless he was acceptable in both capitals, the sources said. Details of his visits to China and North Korea were already returned on a black voters roll.

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